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The Central Intelligence Agency has forwarded to us a copy of your November 5, 1974, letter in which you seek employment with them at the conclusion of your Peace Corps Volunteer service.

Just as the Peace Corps does not accept as Volunteers or staff members those people who have served with an intelligence agency, so the Peace Corps has asked, and the intelligence agencies have agreed, not to employ former Peace Corps volunteers for at least five years after the completion of their service in the Peace Corps, and, if employed after such period, not to assign the former Volunteer to any country in which he had trained or served with the Peace Corps. The Central Intelligence Agency is one of the agencies which has agreed not to employ a former Volunteer or staff member in any capacity prior to the completion of five years after his termination from the Peace Corps.

I know that you, as a Peace Corps Volunteer, understand the reasoning behind this policy. As the Peace Corps has lost some talented people as Volunteers, or staff members because of their background in intelligence work, so the intelligence agencies have lost the services of some able men and women who have previously served in the Peace Corps, but we believe that these sacrifices are justified by the public interest in preventing any relationship, or any appearance of a relationship, between the Peace Corps and intelligence agencies.

Sincerely yours,

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